

REMARKS

Claims 2, 6, 10, 21, 25, 29, 33 and 37 are pending in this application, with claim 2 being independent. Claims 1, 5, 9, 20, 24, 28, 32, 36, 38-53 have been cancelled. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 2, 6, 10, 21, 25, 29, 33 and 37.

Claims 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51 and 53 have been objected to for being substantial duplicates of claims 2, 6, 10, 21, 25, 29, 33 and 37. Applicants have cancelled claims 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51 and 53, rendering this objection moot.

Claims 1, 9, 20, 24, 32, 36, 38, 42, 44, 46, 50 and 52 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Parks (U.S. Patent No. 4,646,424) in view of Hallock (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0151156). Claims 5 and 40 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Parks in view of Hallock and Ho (U.S. Patent No. 6,645,851). Claims 28 and 48 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Parks in view of Hallock and Kathono (U.S. Patent No. 4,673,808).

Applicants have cancelled all of the rejected claims, rendering these rejections moot. Accordingly, applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance.

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